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# New Students Rate Serving High

*by Krysia P. Lear*

A recent survey indicates that Canadian Bible college students are motivated by different values than is the general student population.

Dr. Gary Bredfeldt, chair of the OBC Department of Ministry Studies, who surveyed 1,300 incoming Bible college students from across Canada in 1990, says they come to Bible college "wanting to be servants."

While many young people see education as a means for improving their financial futures, the survey showed that Bible college students are more concerned with being educated to serve people.

Similarly, "concern for others" showed up as a higher value than friendship. In *The Emerging Generation*, Reginald Bibby and Don Posterski identified friendship as the highest value among Canadian young people.

In 1990 more than 7,000 young people attended the 46 schools of the Association of Canadian Bible Colleges. Dr. Bredfeldt's study, done for his doctoral thesis at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill., explored the attitudes, values, and beliefs of this segment of the youth populace.

He conducted the study to provide a clearer picture of educational antecedents to Bible college studies. Dr. Bredfeldt says that without such background information educators can make serious errors, in designing education processes.

Using a modified version of the Bibby and Posterski research tool, he surveyed students at nine representative institutions. Results were compared with Bibby and Posterski's findings, using statistical methods to identify notable similarities and differences.

Faculty members from these institutions were also surveyed to compare their expectations with student responses.

### *Less materialistic*

The comparisons showed that Bible college students are far more altruistic and less materialistic than their contemporaries. They express much less interest in well-paid work, instead putting their emphasis on careers that include the lower paid social service or ministry fields. Dr. Bredfeldt speculates that this may be why some Christian parents don't see Bible college as viable.

A homogeneous group, Bible college students hold conservative political, moral, and religious values. They are more likely to engage in reflective activities such as reading, sitting and thinking or just being alone and are critical consumers of the popular media.

While the students surveyed are more concerned about the future of the family, they indicate less awareness of family problems resulting from unemployment and economic hardship. Dr. Bredfeldt says that this may reflect their generally more secure financial backgrounds.

### *Self-critical*

Bible college students express greater concern over inferiority feelings. Dr.

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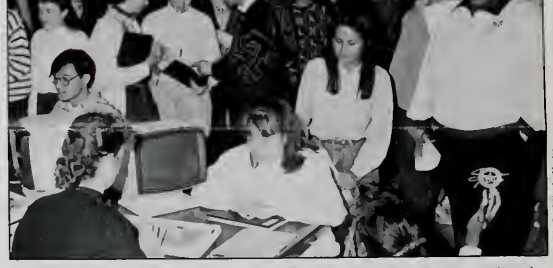

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*Spring semester registration of full and part-time students was strong. At OTS 411 credit and 28 audit students enrolled. At OBC 343 enrolled in the daytime credit programs and 161 in the evening school credit division. As well in the evening school, 63 enrolled in diploma courses and 40 in the satellite schools.*

## New VP at OBC

In late February, OBC/OTS appointed Dr. Rod Wilson as vice-president, academic and student affairs, OBC, effective August 1991.

Dr. William McRae, president, OBC/OTS, said, "The teaching experience, professional training, leadership skills, and above all else, the personal integrity of Dr. Wilson make this a great appointment for the College."

Dr. Wilson, presently professor of counselling, OTS, has worked at both schools. From 1978-1983 he was director of counselling, OBC, and taught a counselling course at OTS. Then in the summer of '83 he started at the Seminary as dean of students and director of the counselling program. He served in the former position until 1988.

He earned his PhD in Clinical-Counselling Psychology at York University and is completing an MA in Theology at Conred Grebel College, Waterloo University, Waterloo, ON, during this sabbatical year. As well he is finishing a book, provisionally titled *Counselling in the Christian Community*.

He is a teaching elder at Forest Brook Bible Chapel, Pickering, ON.

Dr. Wilson says that one of the biggest challenges he and his colleagues at the College will face, is anticipating where the Church will be in 20 years, and by implication where the Bible College should be going. He looks forward to working in a community where addressing this will be the focus.

## Dr. McRae Taking New Post at OBC/OTS

In early January the Board of Governors appointed OBC/OTS president, Dr. William McRae, to the position of vice-chancellor, effective June 1, 1991. Dr. McRae will also serve the College and Seminary as minister-at-large.

He will represent the chancellor, Dr. Stewart Boehmer at official functions such as graduation. Because of ill health, Dr. Boehmer cannot participate actively in school life.

Dr. McRae has been asked to act as an adviser to the new president and to Board. At present the Board is actively searching for a new president.

Dr. McRae is eager to expand his public ministry role of speaking at churches, conferences and seminars.

In a February letter he said, "Through this ministry, I look forward to giving back to the community, which so generously supports us."

## New Faculty Announced

OBC/OTS is pleased to announce a number of faculty appointments.

On June 1, 1991, Alexander (Sandy) Finlayson will start as librarian. Sandy, a native of Toronto and a graduate of the University of Toronto, was raised in the Free Church of Scotland congregation. He has been a librarian at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, for nearly a decade, and was an elder in the congregation pastored formerly by Dr. David Sherbino of OTS.

OBC/OTS will bid farewell to Jim Johnson, our librarian for 10 years, with great sadness. Dr. Ian Rennie, vice-president and academic dean, OTS, said "Jim is all and more than could be wished for in a theological librarian." Dr. Rennie noted that under Jim's direction the library has doubled the number of volumes, and that he brought great strength to many sections. Many visiting scholars have remarked to Dr. Rennie on the excellence of the library in their particular field.

Jim and his family will return this summer to their home in the U.S.,

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## Financial Caution Taken

OBC/OTS continue to manage their finances prudently. Like other universities and colleges across Canada, OBC/OTS face a funding crunch.

Unlike many of those institutions, OBC/OTS do not benefit from government funding and rely solely on tuition income and donor generosity to finance their programs.

Long-term planning is one management key. Bruce Gordon, vice-president, administration and finance, is developing a three-year plan to achieve balanced budgets and reduce the deficit.

Fiscal restraint is a necessity. In December, Dr. McRae reviewed the second year of the contingency plan with faculty and staff. Among the decisions announced for 1991/92 were a wage freeze and cuts in the number of part-time faculty. The extra teaching load will be picked up by the full-time professors.

Administration also continues to monitor income and expenses carefully. Support stayed strong in the first seven months of the fiscal year. Friends responded generously in December to Dr. McRae's Christmas letter and, with other gifts, we met our need in December of $150,000.

Since then, however, the vice-president, Institutional Advancement, Bruce Scott has reported a slight slow down in the level of giving, but expects this to change soon.

### *Financial Aid*

Tuition income is seven per cent behind the budgeted target, but excellent registration in January improved the earlier tuition picture. Still, we will need to ask our supporters to help make up the difference this year.

The schools are working to make it easier for students to study at OBC/OTS. Already the Seminary has improved options for part-time students by scheduling required courses at more convenient times.

OBC's Community Life department in co-operation with Institutional Advancement is building financial aid resources. Financial aid benefits the College as well as needy students. Dean of students and financial aid committee chair, James Bailey, explains that every dollar in financial aid "often buys four, five or six more dollars, by making it possible for aid recipients to bring resources to the College that they already have."

Most areas were near target on expenses at the end of January. Unfortunately, emergency repairs to the aging College building such as repairing the main water line in January have added a burden.

# Digest

### *Urban Ministry Training*

Starting in May, OBC senior students will be able to combine the theory and practice of urban ministry. Dr. David Russell, OBC co-ordinator of pastoral ministry, says participants can earn academic and field education credits in this new course, which runs until mid-August. Members of the Urban Impact Team will be able to live downtown in Jarvis Street Baptist Church's dorm.

### *Alcoholism Course Offered*

For the second year, OBC will offer Alcoholism and Family Dynamics, May 16-June 27, 1991. The thesis is that patterns of coping learned in childhood for survival in alcoholic homes, can become counterproductive in adult life.

See page 4 for more summer courses for OBC and OTS.

### *Friendlier Telephone*

Improvements in late December to the internal telephone system now make it easier to call staff, faculty or students directly. Or if the person you want isn't available, you can leave a message in the individual's voice mail box. All you need to know is the person's local. Then use 226-6620 and the friendly "voice" will give you directions.

If you don't know the local, use our regular number and the receptionist will help you. The voice mail takes messages on this line too.

### *Urbana*

Approximately 30 OBC OTS students attended the recent Urbana '90 Missions Conference in Urbana, Ill. More than 18,000 people (2,000 of them Canadian) represented 100 nationalities. Jeff Friesen, student chair of the OBC Evangelism Committee, arranged the trip.

Andrew Stringer, the OBC missions committee chair, participated in a global issues congress studying the concern of urbanization with 400 others chosen from across North America.

Julie McKibbon, off-campus student enrollment co-ordinator, represented OTS and OBC at a booth draped with a large Canadian flag. OTS student Kevin Houser gave Julie strong support.

### *Today's Teens Continues*

Dr. John Wilkinson, OTS professor of Youth Ministry, and organizer of the Today's Teens Conference, announced recently that Dewey Bertolini will speak at the 1992 conference, scheduled for February 15. Bertolini is associate professor of Youth Ministry and Bible at Masters' College, Newhall, CA. The 1991 training event for youth workers was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

### *New OBC Grad Location*

For the first time in many years the OBC graduation ceremonies will not be held at Peoples Church, North York. Instead the service will be at Agincourt Pentecostal Church, located on the northeast corner of Kennedy Rd. and Finch Avenue, Scarborough.

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Bredfeldt commented that this may partially result from these students' reflective natures: "They are more likely to find flaws and are judging themselves according to God's values." The concern is how to help them deal with self-image in preparation for ministry.

Females in the sample group report significantly lower self-esteem ratings than did females in the national study or males in the Bible college sample. Bredfeldt is particulary concerned with why female students come to Bible college with a lower self-esteem than their national counterparts.

Data collected from among Bible college faculty members revealed that they consistently underestimate the students' conservative orientation to social values.

At one point in the interview, Dr. Bredfeldt said, half tongue-in-cheek, "You have to ask yourself why in the world people would spend money to come to Bible college, when to do so they'll take a financial step down."

His study provides the answer. With their altruistic drive these caring Christian students seek the uniquely biblical foundation for serving people, which a good Bible college can provide.

*Dr. Gary Bredfeldt chairs the Department of Ministry Studies, OBC. Parts of this article are taken from his Abstract to be published with U.M.I. Dissertation Services.*

## Study Recommendations

In light of study findings, Dr. Bredfeldt urges Bible college educators to consider four responses.

*Retain the historic vocational orientation of the Bible college.* In the last 10 years, the viability of Bible colleges has been questioned frequently. His survey shows that students chose Bible college to support their value system, to gain a foundation for their faith and for education that leads to Christian service vocations.

*Explore new avenues of vocational ministry training.* Dr. Bredfeldt suggests a broader definition for ministry training. He recommends that Bible colleges develop programs in the social service sector, where Christians can have direct impact on people. A program like the special needs major at OBC, which trains students to work with the developmentally disabled, is a good example, he says.

*Examine the appropriateness of current educational strategies.* He cites more use of practicums and less stress on strictly classroom models; "Bible colleges must become much more open to programs that involve students more directly in relevant ministry settings."

*Conduct further research relating to self-esteem problems among Bible college females.* "No matter what their theological position on the role of women, people in the church still need to be concerned with this question of self-image." He says that whatever women do, poor self-image hinders effective ministry.

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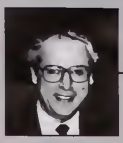

Wm. J. McRae, DMin
President, OBC/OTS

## *Prepared to be Servants*

According to Dr. Bredfeldt's study, an important attitude distinguishes incoming Bible college students from the general student population: "They come'wanting to be servants'." (See New Students Rate Serving High)

Can there be a greater need in our marriages, our ministries or our mission fields? Recently, I asked a group of missionaries in Mexico what they were looking for from our North American colleges and seminaries. You are right. In one voice they said, "Servants."

Although servanthood is a favorite New Testament metaphor for a Christian, I fear servants are a threatened species in our world of individualism and personal rights. I'd like to declare them as a vanishing breed. But there is hope; let me suggest one way to save the species.

Let's apply Paul's principles from Philippians 2:3-4, where he captures the essence of servanthood.

*Be selfless -- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.*
*Be sacrificial -- In humility consider others better than yourselves.*
*Be serving -- Look ... also to the interests of others.*

According to the following verses, this was the attitude of Christ. And of Paul, of Timothy and of Epaphroditus.

Here's a further challenge. Identify one difficult person with whom your relationship is particularly stressful. Try Paul's approach as a solution.

## exLibris

**THE POWER OF GOD IN A BROKEN WORLD: STUDIES IN EPHESIANS**

*Erwin Penner (Kindred Press: Winnipeg, MB, 1990, 196 pp, $13.95).*

Erwin Penner, professor of New Testament at OBC, makes power the unifying theme in his new commentary on Ephesians. In doing so he bridges the gap between Paul's concerns in the first century and ours in the 20th.

He says, "I pray that this book will build your appreciation for the divine power available to you and whet your appetite for realizing that power in your life in new ways." Penner has written in such a clear manner that this goal can readily be achieved. As he proceeds consecutively through Ephesians, each of his 13 chapters shows the power of God in some aspect. At the same time, Penner reveals an awareness of exegetical problems throughout his work.

The practical implications are seen, for example, in the controversial section: 5:20-33. Submission is defined: "Not as forced subjection imposed by the stronger person on the weaker, but the humble and willing readiness of every member of the community to defer to and serve one another on an equal basis." Headship in the same passage is not to be seen in terms of "dominating control" but in terms of "nurturing care."

He lucidly unpacks the problematic passage 4:7-10 with a clear explanation of how Paul is using the quote from Psalm 68. The expression in 4.9, "He also descended to the lower earthly regions," is explained not as a reference to incarnation but to the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost. Although this reviewer would defend the more traditional interpretation, the reasons Penner gives for the view are credible and convincing.

The book will be a decided help to anyone preaching or teaching Ephesians and could be used most profitably alongside a more technical Greek commentary like the one by A.T. Lincoln in the Word Commentary Series 1990.

*Dr. Roy Matheson is OTS professor of New Testament and associate pastoral staff, Chartwell Baptist Church, Oakville, ON.*

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where they will settle in Pittsburgh, PA. His employment plans are not yet definite.

### *OTS Missions Prof*

Irving Whitt joins OTS as professor of Missiology this summer. A Newfoundlander and graduate of the Assemblies of God Graduate School of Theology, he is completing his doctorate in Missiology at Fuller Seminary. For several years he served in Kenya with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada doing church-planting and teaching at Pan-Africa Christian College, Nairobi. He was also active with the Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar.

During the last seven years he has developed a dynamic missions program at Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough, ON.

### *Chinese Scholar Returns*

Last fall OTS welcomed Dr. Wing-Hung Lam to the faculty. Dr. Lam, a graduate of Hong Kong University, received his MDiv at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, and his doctorate in Church History at Princeton Theological Seminary.

A decade or so ago Wing-Hung lived for several years in Toronto doing historical research and writing on Chinese Christianity. As well the Chinese churches widely appreciated his ministry among them. After some seven years of teaching at the China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong, with which OTS has close connections, Wing-Hung has returned. Although he continues primarily to write, OTS is privileged to have him offer occasional courses.

### *You've read the book Now see it live*

St. John's Gospel
In a special performance
for youth groups.
By OBC drama team April 30
and May 1
at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel

$5:00 admission

*St. John's Gospel*, written by Murray Watts, one of England's leading playwrights, brings the joys and drama of Scripture alive in a high-energy mixture of humour, fantasy and realism.

*For information on these performances or other booking dates, contact Nick Hunter 367-9350*

# Alumni Admire Renovations At Homecoming

*by Doris Perrin*

If you missed the 1990 OBC Alumni Homecoming on October 13th, you missed a great day of encouragement and excitement! The faces of young and old alike lit up as they recognized former schoolmates.

Gary Schmidt (BSM '81) pianist, and Dave Nickel (BSM '82) organist, brought the chapel instruments to life as they played excerpts from *The Creation* by Haydn and Mendelssohn's *Elijah* in the pre-service prelude.

During the morning service, Rev. Lawrence Chubb, Mr. Raymond Beck, Mr. Ernie Harrison, (all class of '40), and Mrs. Ruth Hands (nee Fynney, BRE '65) shared the joys and struggles of the years following graduation.

Dr. Gordon Stephens, a former faculty member, encouraged us as he spoke of Christ, our peace, and how God enables us to send the light of that peace to those around us.

Photo by Frank Vander Meulen

*Members of the class of '60 attending Homecoming, October 13, 1990: Louise Gamble, Anne (Campbell) Donald, Marion (Mildon) Baldwin, and Helen George.*

Photo by Frank Vander Meulen

***Alumni of the Year**: Harold and Grace James, both grads of '40, served with Africa Evangelical Fellowship from 1941-1949 and 1958-1976. From 1950-1958 they worked with Fellowship Baptist Churches in Ontario. Harold has been class president and Grace class secretary for 50 years. Congratulations.*

Many of us enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner served by members of the present student body in the newly re-decorated cafeteria. Later we took a stroll down the recently carpeted second floor and dormitory hallways. The refurbished dorm rooms are a vast improvement, and what a relief to see sturdy beds instead of wired-together ones! (Gifts to the Commitment to Excellence campaign and alumni gifts to last year's phonathon have made much of this possible.)

This year, while the classes met for their reunions, the other alumni gathered in Hooper Chapel.

Homecoming provided an opportunity to remember the past, renew old ties and reflect on how God has used all of us as a result of our time at the College. As we heard what God had done, the faithfulness of God was reaffirmed. We came away greatly encouraged, having been enriched not only by the students of the past, but by those of the present.

*Doris Perrin is a member of the OBC Alumni executive and the OBC Homecoming co-ordinator.*

Commitment to Excellence

## Seminary Building Permit at Last

The building permit was issued at the end of February. Now the focus will be on getting bids for construction and finalizing the building schedule. As well, Dr. McRae looks forward to winding up the campaign before he takes on his new duties.

In recent months new pledges – one of $150,000 – have brought us closer to reaching our financial goal.

As well $51,000 was received in December in cash as friends continue to honour pledges and give individual gifts. With the change in economic climate since the campaign was announced, we want to have as strong a cash-on-hand position as possible before beginning construction of the Seminary expansion.

Continue to pray for the campaign, and for the students it will help.

## In Memoriam — Jake Small

On January 4, 1991, in Toronto at home, Rev. Jacob Small, former alumni director, OBC/OTS, went to be with the Lord. Jake, who had started as director of the Toronto Jewish Mission in September 1990, had a recurrence of the cancer that caused the loss of one eye a few years ago.

Jake, Bth '65, held pastoral positions before coming to the schools in January 1983. As part of his ministry, he visited alumni, co-ordinated alumni involvement in graduation services, set up home prayer meetings and developed the alumni (job) referral service.

Jake leaves his wife Carol and children, Shelley and Stephen. Former colleagues on the OBC alumni executive are among the many friends who share warm memories of Jake.

Pastor Bill Heath of West Oro Baptist Church, Shanty Bay, ON, echoed others when he wrote, "Jake was full of goodness -- loving and wise, helpful and hard working, gentle and friendly. I repeatedly encountered God's beauty in my brother, a faith-filled and faithful servant of Christ."

# OBC/OTS ALUMNI *KEEPING IN TOUCH*

### BIRTHS

Matthew James, July 14, 1987 in London and Katelyn Joy, May 24, 1990 in Windsor, ON, to Howard (BRE '86) and Evelyn (nee **Stork**, BRE '83) **Knight**

Stephen James to James and Sharon (nee **Debus**, '78-'79) Enzell, March 9, 1990, Medley, AB

Matthew Richard to Gary (BRE '90) and Arlene (nee **McFarland**, BRS '88) **Falle**, September 24, 1990, Toronto

Darryl William James to Jim and Pat (nee **Carson**, BRE '79) Pezzack, October 2, 1990, Toronto

Joshua Robert to John (BRE '86) and Wendy (nee **Stuart**, BRE '85) **Reaume**, October 11, 1990, San Bernardino, CA

Jordan Peter Joseph Zelinsky to Richard (BTH '88) and Deana **Zelinsky**, October 14, 1990, Burlington, ON

Erika Janine to Allan and Alice (nee **DeVries**, '83-'84) Schut, October 25, 1990, Woodstock, ON

Stephen Philip to Richard (BTh '86) and Joyce **Choy**, October 26, 1990, Toronto

Jonathan Stewart and Andrew Robert to Rick and Susan (nee **Boycott**, '84-'85) Folkeringa, October 29, 1990, Windsor, ON

Caroline Rachel to Kevin and Shawna (nee **Sparkes**, BRE '87) McLaughlin, November 11, 1990, Grand Falls, NB

Allaina Christina to Allan (BRS '88) and Tina (nee **Liebgott**, BRS '89) **Venema**, November 14, 1990, Waterloo, ON

Sarah Elizabeth to David (BRE '84) and Sandra (nee **Janzen**, BRE '83) **Roberts**, January 18, 1991, Zambia, Africa

Joshua Robert Eldon to Ken (BTh '84) and Marylou (nee **Helwig**, '81-'82) **Wiles**, Sept 15, 1990, Guelph, ON

### MARRIAGES

Sylvia **Kinsmen**, BRE '57, to Edwin Salmon, August 12, 1989

Greg **Warkentin**, BRE '89, to Dawn Richardson, December 28, 1990, Toronto

Stephen **Dettweiler**, MTS '89, to Sonia Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia. They will be working with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Nigeria

Dr. Michel **DeBilly** (Cert '87), to Yvonne Tam, Toronto. He will graduate with an MTS in May, after which he will teach medical ethics and they will do evangelism with Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Korea

### DEATHS

Annie Lang **Bretzler** (nee **Gunn**, '35), December 24, 1990, Hamilton, ON

Roy D. **Campbell**, '48, July 18, 1990, Saint John, NB

Melchie **Henry**, BTh '27, October 17, 1990, Ohsweken, ON

Kathleen **Merritt** (nee **Henderson**, '35), February 9, 1991, Hamilton, ON

Jacob **Small**, BTh '65, January 4, 1991, Toronto

Robert J. **Sweet**, '46, October 23, 1990, Mission, BC

Anne **Verkerk**, BRE '86, August 27, 1990, Toronto

### PASTORAL

Timothy **Davis**, BTh '89, pastor, Humber Summit Community Church, Woodbridge, ON, September 17, 1990

Andy Des Roches and Rebecca (nee **Holt**, OTS Cert. '85), pastor for youth and evangelism, Hillside United Baptist Church, Moncton, NB

Kevin **Dibbley**, MDiv '89, ordained, First Baptist Church, Thunder Bay, ON

Brian **Horrobin**, MDiv '89, ordained, First Baptist Church, Petrolia, ON

Robert **Atkinson**, MDiv '89, pastor, First Baptist Church, Beamsville, ON

Scott **Campbell**, MTS '87, pastor, Heron Park Baptist Church, Toronto

Alan **Davey**, MDiv '80, accepted a call to Weston Park Baptist Church, Toronto

David **Donevan**, MDiv '89, ordained, Danforth Baptist Church, and Kathy, MTS '89, both are church planting, south Riverdale, Toronto

Ivan **Frank**, MTS '89, associate pastor, Stayner Brethren in Christ Church, Stayner, ON

Richard **Gledhill**, MDiv '89, assistant pastor, Mississauga City Baptist Church, Mississauga, ON. Donna (nee **Hyland**, MTS '90) working part-time and at a Salvation Group Home

Philip **Holbrook**, MTS '90, associate pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, Surrey, BC

Paul **Johansen**, MDiv '87, associate pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd, Toronto, after completing his MA at Wheaton

Randy **Singbeil**, MDiv '90, part-time assistant pastor, South End Fellowship Baptist Church, Owen Sound, ON

William **Thornton**, MDiv '85, pastor, Lambeth Bible Church (AGC), London, ON

Rick **Wukasch**, MDiv '90, pastoral team, Spring Garden Baptist Church, North York, ON

### MINISTRIES

Rev. Wrenfred **Bryant**, '49, president of United Baptist Convention of Atlantic Provinces

Liz **Dobson**, MDiv '86, counsellor at Yonge St. Mission's Christian Community Centre

J. Oguen **Ohanaka**, MDiv '86, director, Black United Front of Nova Scotia, Halifax

Ruth **Copland**, MTS '84, with Nurses Christian Fellowship, Toronto

### NEWS

Dow ('37) and Mae (nee **Tipping** '37) **Sargeant** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, December 21, 1990 in Ottawa

*Prepared by Eleanor Engberts, alumni secretary, with files from Grant Gordon, OTS director of field education.*

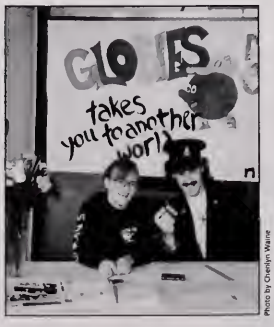
**Alumni Phonathon in 1992; Financial Aid News Coming.**

## Talking Missions

OBC students and faculty were pleased with the changes in the annual missions conference held January 21-24.

"It was a better format ...because missionaries were more involved," commented senior student Denise Duggan, who had helped organize the conference last year. Rather than cancelling classes, organizers had missionaries participate in scheduled classes. Students found the classroom discussions more personal than what one termed "just a booth relationship."

Participants also praised the relevance of focusing on ministry in urban centres. In the past year the College has looked at ways to prepare students to address growing needs in cities.

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*Joy Culter and Sherwin Mennega welcoming dinner guests.*

Speaker, Raleigh Washington, pastor of a thriving inner city church in Chicago and Director of the Urban Ministry program at Trinity, Deerfield, Ill, challenged his audience to set right issues of discrimination, alienation and bitterness. But he also had a deep concern for individuals' spiritual development. Andrew Stringer, co-chair with Tena McArthur, of the student council missions committee, which organizes the conference, noted: "Often we think of missions as far away and forget that the Lord has to work in a very deep way in us. From there He takes us into missions."

City tours illustrated the wide range of possibilities for ministry. Seven downtown missions and churches welcomed 100 students and faculty one Wednesday afternoon.

Andrew Stringer also praised student co-operation. Thirty "Globies," aided by 30 other students, decorated and prepared food for the opening multi-cultural banquet. ("MKs" missionary kids and international students formed Globies at OBC this year for mutual support and encouragement in adjusting to Canadian culture. OTS has a similar program: the student council's cross-cultural facilitator helps international students acclimatize.)

***OTS Conference***

The Seminary missions conference in early February centered on a day of talks, workshops and prayer. In the morning plenary session Naomi McGorman, missions director of Canadian IVCF, spoke on The Blessing of Serving Christ Cross-culturally, and in the afternoon Alex Piatocha, eastern European representative of the Canadian Baptist Federation, spoke on the Church in Russia Today.

On two other days organizers, led by Alan Goh, student council missions and evangelism co-ordinator, set up 90-minute forums where students shared their involvement in cross-cultural missionary work and OTS profs discussed how they strive to think globally yet act locally in missions.

# Calendar of Events

*All events take place on the Bayview Campus unless otherwise indicated. For further information on any events listed here, call 416/226-6380.*

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| April 17 | **OBC Baccalaureate Service.** Hooper Chapel |
| April 27 | **OBC Graduation Service.** Agincourt Pentecostal Church, at 7:30 p.m. Brian Stiller, executive director, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, speaking. |
| May 11 | **OTS Graduation Service.** Bayview Glen Alliance Church, 7:30 p.m. Dr Henri Nouwen, Daybreak, L'Arche community, Thornhill, ON, speaking. |
| May 13 | **Summer courses** start at OBC and OTS |

*Introduction to Islam Taught*

## Intersession Draws Many

*by Dr. Ian Rennie*

The OTS Intersession took place from January 7-18, 1991, with one of the largest Intersession attendances recorded, 118 students took more than 140 courses. Each day started with James Packer lecturing on Ephesians. Famous for his writings, he is also an excellent lecturer and nearly 90 students crowded into his class.

In the afternoon two courses were offered. Christian Introduction to Islam reflected the need of future ministers and Christian workers to know more of this powerful religion, which is having increased visibility in Canada. The course was to have been taught by Dr Noor, the leading Protestant minister in Egypt, but as a result of having baptized a couple of converts from Islam, he was under considerable duress, and felt that he should not leave his country. We are grateful indeed that on very short notice Dr. David Bentley of the Samuel Zwemer Institute in Pasadena, California, kindly agree to teach the course.

Dr. Robert Roxburgh, one of our much-appreciated adjunct faculty, taught on Leading Your Church into Renewal. In the evening, Dr. Philip Taylor, professor of pastoral ministry and systematic theology, Winnipeg Theological Seminary, offered Care Givers and Crisis Ministry.

# Faculty and Staff Notes

PUBLICATIONS

**Dr Donald Leggett**, OTS professor of Old Testament, contributed notes on Zephaniah and Malachi to the *Geneva Study Bible*

**Dr Erwin Penner**, OBC professor of Bible and theology, *The Power of God in a Broken World*, Kindred Press, 1990

**Dr. Ian Rennie**, OTS vice-president and academic dean, gave a paper February 2-3, to the Mennonite Brethren on Pluralism and the Exclusivity of Christ at a theological conference, Winnipeg

**Dr. John Vissers**, OTS professor of theology, "Presbyterian Faith and Life in the Post-modern Nineties," *Presbyterian Record*, January 1990

OFF-CAMPUS

**Dr. Milton Wan**, OTS professor of theology and director, Chinese Ministry Program, at Eastern Canadian Chinese Christian Youth Conference, Toronto, over Christmas; evangelistic conference, Hawaii, with over 100 mainland Chinese scholars present.

**Mrs. Lynn Smith**, OTS dean of students, spoke January 10 to the Women's Care-Giving Group, Calvary Baptist Church, Oakville, ON.

**Dr. John Wilkinson**, OTS professor of Youth Ministry, early January at Canadian Youth Evangelism, Winnipeg, Calgary.

**Dr. David Sherbino**, OTS professor of Pastoral studies, taught Poimenics (pastoral care studies) January 5-25 at South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore, India ACS has invited him to be adjunct faculty

**Dr Roy Matheson**, OTS professor of New Testament, spoke January 17 to the ISCF/IVCF National Staff Workers Conference at Ontario Pioneer Camp.

He and Dr. David Sherbino conducted a healing conference February 22-24, Hanover Missionary Church, Hanover, ON.

**Mr Jim Johnson**, OBC/OTS library director, served February 11-13 on an AABC Evaluation Team for Northwest Bible College, Edmonton.

**Mr John Franklin**, chair Department of General Arts, OBC, participated March 6-8 on AABC 10-year evaluation team at Canadian Bible College, Regina.

**Dr William McRae**, president, Marriage Enrichment Conference, St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, March 16, Holy Week Services, Metropolitan Bible Church, Ottawa.

**Dr Ebenezer Sikakane**, co-ordinator, Missions focus, OBC, elected as Canada east vice-president of The Evangelical Missiological Society, formerly known as Association of Evangelical Professors of Mission.

**Dr. John Vissers** started pastoring part-time, St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Vaughan, ON

PASSAGES

**Stephen Roy**, OTS registrar, and his wife Lynn, welcomed, Ewan Alexander, November 6, 1990.

**John Vissers** and his wife Lynn, welcomed, Jennifer Lynn, January 8, 1991

**Gary Bredfeldt**, chair Department of Ministry Studies, OBC, and his wife Marlene, welcomed, Michael Thomas, February 17, 1991.

# Coming Your Way

### Music Groups Sunday Schedule

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| April 7 | a.m. | Octet | Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON |
| | p.m. | Octet | Stanley Ave. Baptist, Hamilton, ON |
| | p.m. | Choir | Longbranch Baptist, Toronto |
| April 14 | p.m. | Octet | St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Etobicoke, ON |
| | p.m. | Choir | Erindale Bible Chapel, Mississauga, ON |

### St. John's Gospel Drama Schedule

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| Monday March 25 | OBC Chapel (preview) 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. |
| Sunday April 21 | Uptown Community Church, Baythorn Public School, Thornhill, ON 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. |
| Sunday April 28 | Lakeside Bible Chapel, Guelph, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday April 30 | OBC chapel 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for youth groups |
| Wednesday May 1 | OBC chapel 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for youth groups |
| Friday May 3 | Church of the Messiah, Toronto, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| Sunday May 5 | Islington Evangel Center, Etobicoke, ON 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. |

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

*For further information on continuing education programs, contact the OBC or OTS registrar (416/226-6380).*

## Ontario Theological Seminary

ADVANCED SONLIFE PROGRAMS

**May 13 - 17, 1991**
**Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
*Evangelism and Discipleship of Youth - Advanced I (4)* Laird Crump, lecturer in Youth Ministry, OTS
*Evangelism and Discipleship of Youth - Advanced II (4)* Dave Garda, national strategy coordinator and trainer of Sonlife Ministries

MAY - JUNE COURSES

**May 16 - June 27, 1991**
**Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m**
*I Corinthians (4)* Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament, OTS
*Patrsoc Theology (4)* Wing-Hung Lam, professor of Church history, and lecturer in Chinese ministry program, OTS
*Proverbs (4)* Donald Leggett, professor of Old Testament
*Worship and Liturgy (4)* David Sherbino, professor of pastoral studies, OTS

"CRASH GREEK"

**July 22 - August 23, 1991**
**Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m**
The full year of *Elementary Greek I & II (8)* Erwin Penner, chair, Bible and Theology, OBC, lecturer in New Testament, OTS
Prerequisite for MDiv program

SUMMER SESSION

**August 5 - 16, 1991, Monday - Friday**
**9:30 a.m. - noon and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m**
*New Testament Introduction (4)* Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament, OTS

**9:30 a.m. - noon**
*The Old Testament in Its Ancient Near Eastern World (2)* David Baker, professor of Old Testament, Ashland Theological Seminary
*Teaching and Preaching the Parables of Luke's Gospel (2)* Gerald Griffiths, former pastor, Calvary Church, Toronto

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
*The Johannine Epistles (2)* Mariano DiGangi, pastor, Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
*Christology: Developing a Passion for Christ (2)* Douglas Webster, lecturer in theology, OTS

BUILD YOUR FAITH

**August 19 - 23, 1991, Monday - Friday**
**9:00 a.m. - noon**
*The Holy Spirit in the Pauline Literature (1)* Gordon Fee, professor of New Testament, Regent College, Vancouver, BC

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
*Issues of Two-Thirds World Christianity (1)* William Wan, interim pastor, Chinese Community Church, Washington, D.C.
*The Church in a Pluralistic Society (1)* Robert Roxburgh, lecturer in pastoral studies, OTS

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
*Prayer Paths to God (1)* Charles Nienkirchen, director, King's Fold Retreat Centre, Cochrane, AB
*Evangelism in a Pluralistic Society (1)* Donald Posterski, vice-president, National programs, World Vision Canada

## Ontario Bible College

SUMMER EVENING CLASSES
CREDIT DIVISION

**May 13 - June 27, 1991**

**Monday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**
*Historical Theology THEO 0329* J. Vissers
*Understanding the Minor Prophets BIBL 0316* D. Leggett

**Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m**
*Preaching I PAST 0331* D. Russell
*Sermon on the Mount BIBL 0317* B. Allison

**Wednesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m**
*The Church in the Reformation HIST 0338* G. Wright
*A Theology of Suffering and Hope PAST 0366* J. Bailey

**Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m**
*Gospel of Luke BIBL 0315 S.* Thomson
*The Prophecy of Daniel BIBL 0306* W. Foster
*Alcoholism and Family Dynamics CHED 0260* W. & J. Bailey

**May - August**
*Urban Ministry PAST 0435* D. Russell

DIPLOMA DIVISION

**May 14 - June 27, 1991**

**Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m**
ETA Course
*Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity* S. Brush

**Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**
*Song of Solomon. The Divine Love Story* J. Void

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